

MINUTES OF THE MOOR POND WOOD 'STEERING COMMITTEE'
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 18TH MAY 2004
AT 41 MAIN STREET, PAPPLEWICK.

<u>Present:</u>	Mr S Walker	Chairman
	Mrs M Barker	Secretary
	Mrs P Clark	Clerk to Papplewick Parish Council
	Mrs C Hardstaff	Linby Parish Council
	Mrs M Hull	Treasurer of the Friends Group
	Mrs M Kerr	Vice Chairman/Friends Group
	Mrs M Passey	Friends Group
	Mr L Scudder	Nottinghamshire County Council
	Mrs D Townsend	Friends Group

1. **APOLGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from Mr T Buttle – Notts. County Council.

2. **MINUTES**

With an amendment on Page 2 under Heritage Stars to read 'Mrs' Rider, Mrs Kerr proposed acceptance of the minutes, seconded by Mrs Hardstaff and agreed.

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Tree Survey – All agreed it had gone well. Mr Walker confirmed three quarters of the trees in Moor Pond Wood had been tagged with only approximately 500 out of the 1,000 tags purchased left. Further surveying and tagging to be organised to complete the survey. It was felt some work could be undertaken in an evening. Mr Walker to produce a map of the surveyed area. Agreed letters of thanks should be sent to the Air Training Cadets for their help on the day. Also to Rowan Huggett for providing the buffet.

Notts. Community Foundation Grant – Bridging the Gap - Mrs Hardstaff offered space at Grange Farm for the fabrication of the bridge. Mrs Kerr said the ATC were keen to help with its construction. To avoid further vandalism it was agreed the dipping platform should be recovered from the pond and repositioned when further work was undertaken on the bank. Lee Scudder to check grant to ascertain the completion date and to be progressed later.

BTCV Insurance – Mrs Hull to check the position with regard to insuring the GPS and measuring equipment.

4. **ACCOUNTS**

Copies of the Parish Council's Moor Pond Wood account was circulated at the meeting. Mrs Barker confirmed the Parish Council at its meeting on the 12th May had approved these although they still had to be audited. Mrs Hardstaff questioned the deficit in expenditure to income. Mrs Barker confirmed that the expenditure incurred related to grants received in previous years, namely LHI where the final account had been submitted. Other payments included the donation to the Leen Valley Conservation Group and transfer of funds to the new Friends of Moor Pond Wood account.

Mrs Barker explained the decision to open an account by the Friends and why the Notts. Community Foundation and Community Champions grants had both been paid into that account with no VAT being recoverable. The recovery of VAT was discussed.

Mrs Barker reported on the last Friends of Greenwood Community Forest meeting when it had been agreed to approach each group member with regard to contributing towards a memorial for Barbara Dabill who had recently died. Following discussion Mrs Kerr proposed the group did not contribute which was seconded by Mrs Passey and agreed.

4. LOCAL HERITAGE INITIATIVE

Mr Walker reported on the meeting held on Tuesday, 27th April and attended by Mrs Barker, Mr Scudder; Mrs Jean Rider and Lisa Kirman from the Countryside Agency; Mr Charles Hutchinson the agent for the Co-op (landowner); Andy Wickham of Notts. County Council and Mrs Ursula Spence one of the Notts. County Council's archaeologist. Also in attendance had been two graduate archaeologists currently employed by Mrs Spence through the Sherwood Initiative.

The group had walked through the whole site. Mr Walker reported the archaeologist was very enthusiastic about the site, which she stated was unique. She felt the Friends appeared to know what they were doing without supervision and that information was being appropriately recorded. Mrs Spence had said she would like to see further investigation and mapping undertaken of the site, which Mr Walker felt the group could undertake, particularly in winter. She was also happy for some of the archaeology to be uncovered and restored, although the cost of such work could be expensive in trying to create something that looked 18th century.

An application for Phase II was discussed with the Countryside Agency representatives and archaeologist, in terms of what would be feasible with the funding available. It was felt funding should be concentrated on key areas.

Mr Walker felt some in-house archaeology could be organised together with commissioning a consultant, i.e. Trent and Peak again. Following discussion of the application it was agreed instructions be given to both the in-house archaeologists via Ursula Spence and Richard Sheppard of Trent & Peak. The brief would be to produce a schedule of work and management plan for both the pond/drain area and the leat section by the bridge together with costs. The schedule to be provided by the 30th June with a view to submitting an application to the Countryside Agency by the end of July.

As education was part of the original brief of the project, Mr Walker said he was exploring the possibility of training sessions for local teachers.

It was agreed a letter be sent to the Countryside Agency representatives thanking them for meeting on site and confirming an application would be submitted. The deadline for an application to be obtained.

5. ANY MATTERS THE CHAIRMAN FEELS NEEDS TO BE DISCUSSED

Grange Cottage Wood - Road levelled – stone picking needed. Letter to be sent to Dave Collins.

Workdays - 13th and 27th June.

Invertebrate Survey – Noted a rare snail eating spider found.

Speakers – Dr Kirby had confirmed to Mr Walker he would be prepared to speak to the Friends. Also suggested Ursula Spence and Tim Hardstaff.

Nottingham Building Society Community Awards – Mrs Barker reported that with the agreement of the Chairman she had submitted an application for the purchase of a new computer. Unfortunately, the Society had confirmed no further community awards would be made but it was launching a new scheme in June called the Community Spirit Awards.

Skittles – Mrs Hardstaff asked if she could borrow the Friends skittles for the village summer fete, which was agreed.

Rogation Walk – following this event Mrs Hardstaff asked if an access could be made into Moor Pond Wood by the seat on the corner of Papplewick Lane as this lined up with the moors footpath. It was agreed this could be looked at.

Papplewick Dam – Mr Scudder confirmed he had organised the spraying of the weeds in the picnic area. Mrs Kerr asked if the nettles around the Linby Lane entrance could also be sprayed.

Water Shrews – Mr Scudder reported he had requested information to carry out a survey. Also he was discussing grants with Sherwood Forest Trust for tree management.

BTCV Grant – Mrs Clark reported on information received regarding lottery money. Mr Walker to consider grant application.

Quiz - Mr Walker was thanked for providing the quiz questions for the Friends evening.

Greenwood Community Forest Awards – nominations discussed.

7. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, 13th July 2004. Mrs Hardstaff gave her apologies, as she would be unable to attend.